

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 - 34 (cancelled).

1           35. (previously presented) A wetness indicator to  
2 be exposed to an environment to monitor the presence of a  
3 fluid in the environment, said wetness indicator  
4 comprising a multiple layer composite of a first ink  
5 layer applied to a second ink layer, said first ink layer  
6 being disposed between said environment and said second  
7 ink layer to control fluid contact with at least a  
8 portion of the second ink layer, said second ink layer  
9 containing a pH indicating agent that provides a visual  
10 indication in response to contact with said fluid and at  
11 least one of said layers containing a fluid regulating  
12 additive to regulate fluid contact with said pH  
13 indicating agent in said second ink layer, said fluid  
14 regulating additive being selected from the group  
15 consisting of silica gel, superabsorbent polymers,  
16 cellulosic resins, anhydride resins, polyolefin blend  
17 resins, zeolites, calcium oxide, clays and calcium  
18 sulfate.

Claims 36 - 42 (cancelled).

1           43. (previously presented) An indicator as in claim  
2   35, wherein said composite is part of an absorbent  
3   article worn on a user's body.

Claims 44 and 45 (cancelled).

1           46. (previously presented) An indicator as in claim  
2   35, wherein said fluid regulating additive is a zeolite,  
3   said fluid comprises molecules of a first size and said  
4   pH indicating agent comprises molecules of a second size  
5   larger than said first size, said zeolite having a pore  
6   size that allows the flow of fluid therethrough but  
7   obstructs the flow of said pH indicating agent contacted  
8   by said fluid to thereby reduce bleed of said pH  
9   indicating agent from said second ink layer.

Claim 47 (cancelled).

Claims 48, 49 and 50 (cancelled).

1           51. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2 forth in claim 35, wherein said first ink layer is  
3 impermeable to said fluid and thereby prevents fluid  
4 contact with said portion of said second ink layer.

1           52. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2 forth in claim 35, wherein said first ink layer is  
3 microporous and thereby lessens and/or delays fluid  
4 contact with said portion of said second ink layer.

1           53. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2 forth in claim 35, wherein both said first and second ink  
3 layers each contain fluid regulating additive.

1           54. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2 forth in claim 35, wherein said second ink layer is a  
3 substantially continuous film of polymer having said pH  
4 indicating agent and fluid regulating additive dispersed  
5 therein.

1           55. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2 forth in claim 35, wherein said first and second ink  
3 layers each have a weight of from about 2 gsm to about  
4 105 gsm and a thickness of from about a fraction of a mil  
5 to about 6 mils.

1           56. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2   forth in claim 35, wherein said second ink layer contains  
3   from about 0.1% to about 25% of said pH indicating agent  
4   based on the weight of the second ink layer.

1           57. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2   forth in claim 35, wherein said fluid regulating additive  
3   is a zeolite having a pore opening size that restricts  
4   the passage of a molecule larger than a water molecule.

1           58. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2   forth in claim 35, wherein said first and second ink  
3   layers each comprise a substantially continuous film of  
4   polymer having a weight of from about 2 gsm to about 105  
5   gsm and a thickness of from about a fraction of a mil to  
6   about 6 mils, said second ink layer contains from about  
7   0.1% to about 25% of said pH indicating agent based on  
8   the weight of said polymer forming said second ink layer,  
9   and said fluid regulating additive is dispersed in at  
10   least one of said ink layers.

1           59. (previously presented) An indicator as set  
2   forth in claim 58, wherein said fluid regulating additive  
3   is a zeolite having a pore opening size that permits the  
4   flow of fluid into said second ink layer to contact said  
5   pH indicating agent and restricts the flow of said pH

6    indicating agent contacted with said fluid from said  
7    second ink layer into said environment.